

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3082—Making Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 (Rep. OBEY—Appropriations); H.R. 6547—To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require criminal background checks for school employees (Rep. GEORGE MILLER—Education and Labor) Suspension bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to participate in eight votes on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

The first vote was H.Res. 1771—Same Day Consideration Rule. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on that question.

The second vote was H.R. 6540—To require the Secretary of Defense, in awarding a contract for the KC-X Aerial Refueling Aircraft Program, to consider any unfair competitive advantage that an offeror may possess. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

The third vote was Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5116—America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

The fourth vote was Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2142—Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

The fifth vote was Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2751—FDA Food Safety Modernization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

The sixth vote was S. 3243—Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

The seventh vote was Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3082—Making Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

The eighth vote was H.R. 6547—To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require criminal background checks for school employees. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on that question.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. HALVORSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH REMAINDER OF SECOND SESSION OF 111TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

DECEMBER 21, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS or, if she is not available to per-

form this duty, the Honorable GERALD E. CONNOLLY to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 21, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to Sec. 5605 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), I am pleased to appoint Mr. Marcus Peacock of Washington, DC and Mr. Tomas J. Philipson of Chicago, IL to the Commission on Key National Indicators.

Both Mr. Peacock and Mr. Philipson have expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill their requests.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Republican Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 21, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to Section 235 of the Tribal Law and Order Act (P.L. 111-211, I am pleased to appoint Mr. Thomas Gede of San Francisco, California to the Indian Law and Order Commission.

Mr. Gede has expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill his request.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Republican Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 21, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, (22 U.S.C. 7002) as amended, I am pleased to re-appoint Mr. Larry Wortzel to

the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, effective January 1, 2011.

Mr. Wortzel has expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill his request.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Republican Leader.

HONORING DOROTHY HARRY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible public servant who is retiring from my district congressional office in a few short weeks.

Mrs. Dorothy Harry has served the citizens of the Pennsylvania Fifth Congressional District for 14 years. Dorothy has been in the Titusville district office for more than a decade. The constituent calls have been greeted by her with a professional, courteous, and caring attitude.

Dorothy has never been late by even a minute, is thorough in her service, and leaves nothing undone. She joined the congressional staff with a lifetime of experience working in her family's insurance agency. Constituents of my congressional district that contact our office with insurance-related issues have had her voice of experience to guide them through many concerns.

Dorothy is the mother of two daughters, whom she is very proud of. Dorothy has always been quick to share that one of her daughters created a Christmas ornament that hung on the White House Christmas tree.

On December 31, Dorothy Harry will retire from public service as a member of the Pennsylvania Fifth Congressional District congressional staff at the age of a young 81 years old. The citizens have been well served by her and, I am sure, join me in saying, “Job well done and thank you, Dorothy. You will be missed.”

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CONGRATULATING THE PEARLAND OILERS FOR WINNING THE CLASS 5A DIVISION ONE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland Oilers for winning the Texas Class 5A Division One Football Championship last weekend. In front of 43,321 fans, the third largest in Texas history, the Oilers achieved a heart-stopping 28-24 victory, defeating the number one ranked team in the entire Nation, Euless Trinity.

The Oilers were referred to as the underdog, but an underdog doesn't use a play called “the dead man” to score a 54-yard touchdown. They demonstrated